

## **Priorities for FY18 Unified Funding**

### **1. Reduce length of time homeless**

- a. Prevent chronic homelessness from occurring by assessing early and prioritizing most vulnerable homeless households and individuals for safe and affordable housing and available services prior to reaching a year's length of homelessness.
- b. Focus on rapid rehousing efforts to quickly rehouse homeless households and individuals in 45 days or less.
- c. Reduce length of time for those experiencing sheltered or unsheltered homelessness.
- d. Targeted Case Management to support formerly homeless households or individuals to reduce returns to homelessness.

### **2. Coordinated Entry & Ongoing Assessment**

- a. Required participation in centralized intake and coordinated assessment per HUD's guidelines.
- b. Use of VI-SPDAT and SPDAT, (VI-SPDAT Family and Family-SPDAT) assessment tools to prioritize existing resources.
- c. Use of SPDAT to track progress and guide case planning in permanent housing programs.

### **3. Homeless Diversion (Diversion Definition will be provided)**

- a. Support diversion as a proven intervention to reduce the number of persons who experience first-time homelessness.

### **4. Supporting and strengthening our homeless system**

- a. Support high performing programs based on established performance measures or other supporting data sources for new funding requests.
- b. Focus on funding system support - coordination with CoCs, local municipalities and local homeless coordinating committees.
- c. Support HMIS data being used to coordinated care and facilitate sound research.